

SERVICES

TRADE AND INDUSTRY SERVICES

The National Marine Fisheries Service conducts activities designed to improve the competitiveness of the U.S. fishing industry in domestic and world markets and to enhance the safety and quality of U.S. seafood products. Programs include: (1) international trade negotiations; (2) financial assistance on the form of loan guarantees, insurance programs, a capital construction fund, and research and development grants; (3) administration of fishery product inspection and grading, and product standard programs; (4) research and development on product safety, quality, and use; and (5) advise to the U.S. Department of Agriculture on the use of its Surplus Commodity Program and export financing programs for fishery products.

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